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the vessels destined for the country unaffected, as well as of the effects of their passengers and ship's crew. This operation, controlled by the sanitary commissioners of the countries who take the precautionary measures, will constitute the basis of the sanitary treatment which is applied, without detriment to the supplementary measures of quarantine which are stipulated for each one of the said diseases. The terms pertaining to the present agreement must be used in case of the plague.

## CHINA.

*Report from Hongkong—No cases of plague during the week—Deaths from plague January 1 to October 31, 1900.*

HONGKONG, CHINA, November 6, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended November 3, 1900. I also transmit, under same cover, a report of deaths from plague taken from the official Government Gazette of the colony.

Five hundred and forty baths were given during the week; all the body clothing and 251 pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

The Japanese steamship *Nippon Maru* was disinfected to kill rats.

No cases of plague or other quarantinable disease have been reported to the local sanitary board during the week.

The custom in the past has been to declare the port free from infection after an interval of seven days since the last case. The usual precaution will be observed with all vessels leaving for United States ports.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
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[Inclosure.]

*Deaths from bubonic plague in the colony of Hongkong January 1 to October 31, 1900.*

Months.	Population.			Months.	Population.		
	British and foreign.	Chinese land.	Chinese harbor.		British and foreign.	Chinese land.	Chinese harbor.
January .....	0	6	2	July .....	1	216	24
February .....	1	7	0	August .....	4	68	11
March .....	0	4	0	September .....	0	11	2
April .....	0	62	5	October .....	0	14	1
May .....	8	238	44	Total .....	15	885	118
June .....	1	259	29				
Chinese land population.....						212,860	
Chinese harbor population .....						35,040	
British and foreign population.....						9,100	
Estimated total population.....						257,000	

## CUBA.

*Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, December 10, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended December 8, 1900, 17 deaths have occurred from the following causes in this city: Tuberculosis, 3; enteritis, 3; apoplexy, cerebral, 1; heart disease, 1; pulmonary hemorrhage, 1; mitral insufficiency, 1; inflammation of the kidneys, 1; pernicious fever, 1; old age, 1; arterial sclerosis, 1; septicæmia, 1; sclerosis of the liver, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1.

December 21, 1900

Of the total number of deaths, 7 occurred in the civil hospital. Death rate in the city for the week is 22.16. Health of port good. Weather excellent.

Following is a summary of the week's work at this station: Sixteen vessels entered port, were inspected and passed; 13 vessels were issued bills of health for other ports; 47 health certificates issued passengers leaving Cienfuegos; 13 pieces baggage disinfected; 47 pieces baggage arriving at Cienfuegos inspected and passed; 27 pieces baggage for ports in this district inspected and passed; 67 pieces baggage for Santiago labeled to be disinfected there.

Following is a recapitulation of reports from this station during the month of November: Seventy-seven deaths in city, of which 12 were in the civil hospital; 71 vessels entered this port, were inspected and passed; 1,574 members of crews inspected and passed on said vessels; 694 passengers arriving at this port inspected and passed; 16 alien steerage passengers inspected and allowed to land; 67 bills of health issued to vessels for other ports; 275 health certificates issued to passengers leaving Cienfuegos; 59 pieces baggage for ports in this district disinfected; 332 pieces baggage inspected and passed; 90 pieces baggage for Santiago labeled to be disinfected there.

*Casilda.*—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 2 deaths in the city of Trinidad during week ended December 8, 1900. No contagious diseases. Inspected 8 vessels.

*Santa Cruz del Sur.*—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths in that port during week ended December 8, 1900. No contagious diseases, and inspected 7 vessels.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Inspection of immigrants at Cienfuegos for the week ended December 8, 1900.*

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, December 10, 1900.

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended December 8, 1900: December 5, steamship *Riojano*, from Liverpool and Spain, with 10 Spanish immigrants.

Respectfully,

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*Report of immigrants inspected at the port of Cienfuegos, Cuba, during the month of November, 1900.*

Total number of immigrants inspected, 16; number passed, 16; number certified for deportation on account of dangerous contagious or loathsome diseases, or for other physical causes, none.

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